



EDUCATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 7, 2021
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)

10:10 a.m. Comments by the Chairman regarding the responsibilities of the committee

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION STATE AID AND FUNDING FORMULA STUDY

10:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of elementary and secondary education state aid and the funding formula

10:30 a.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding:

- Final enrollment and state school aid, transportation aid, and special education contract costs during the 2019-21 biennium;
- An update on enrollment and state school aid to be provided during the 2021-23 biennium;
- An analysis of the impact of state school aid formula changes approved by the Legislative Assembly in 2019 and 2021 on state school aid and progress regarding the transition of school districts to the formula;
- Information regarding the impact of transition minimum reductions on reorganized and consolidated school districts; and
- School districts that have multiple buildings in the district and districts that have built a new building without using traditional bonding methods as a result of a multidistrict reorganization

11:40 a.m. Comments by interested persons

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion

12:00 noon Recess

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDY

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of career and technical education

1:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Career and Technical Education regarding:

- The department's budget and career and technical education course cost reimbursement at schools and area career and technical centers and any new and expanding secondary programs;

- Costs associated with students traveling for career and technical education coursework or hands-on labs;
- Emergency Commission and Budget Section requests to approve funding from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund through the Department of Public Instruction and any federal funding received to provide tuition assistance for new farmers and ranchers to participate in the adult farm management program; and
- An update on the use of \$70 million of one-time funding anticipated to be received through the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for a statewide area career center initiative grant program

1:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Center for Distance Education regarding a self-sustaining fee structure, anticipated enrollment growth for the remainder of the 2021-23 biennium, and the center's plan to manage the growth to ensure capacity is available for resident students

1:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion

OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

2:10 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding other committee responsibilities

2:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding information related to learning loss and uses of ESSER funds, including the percentage of those funds expended in various categories determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction

2:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons

2:50 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities

3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Donald Schaible (Chairman), Jay R. Elkin, Erin Oban, David S. Rust, Michael A. Wobbema
 Representatives: Ron Guggisberg, Donald Longmuir, David Monson, Mark S. Owens, Denton Zubke

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